

To Whom it May Concern:

Employees of any business corporation, occupation, and so forth should not be discriminated for their choice of gender expression or any decision relating to a change of gender in any form. Gender discrimination is unacceptable and should be treated as such. In our country, everyone has the proclaimed right to pursue happiness. There should be no exceptions.

Since all forms of discrimination are CLAIMED to be unacceptable, why should gender expression be any exception? If it isn't permissible for a person to be discriminated against because of skin color, age, religion, or sexual orientation, why would it be acceptable for a person to be antagonized for their choice in how they express their gender? America is founded on the principles of freedom and liberty. Freedom to be who you are without judgment and freedom to hold to your political opinion without the persecution or physical assault from others are rights our country claims that we, as American citizens have. Gender discrimination cannot be tolerated because it puts people's occupation in jeopardy and that is in direct violation of the pursuit of happiness.

The pursuit of happiness is an allowed right in the Constitution which is disregarded for people who express a gender that differs from the socially acceptable, boy and girl. A person's gender expression should not impede the pursuit of that individual's happiness. With unemployment rates incessantly rising and a fluctuating economy, any person dismissed from their place of work is at risk for devastation. A person's identified gender expression shouldn't put that individual's job in a state of emergency. It could leave permanent scars on their life.

Please support House Bill 6452.

Respectfully Submitted by The Classical Magnet School GSA, March 2009.